

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1561,
AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT OF 1995

MAY 22, 1995.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 155]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 155, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 1561, the “American Overseas Interests Act of 1995” under a modified open rule. The rule provides two hours of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations.

The rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (three day availability for committee reports); section 302(f) (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority in excess of a committee’s allocation); 303(a) (prohibiting consideration of budgetary legislation prior to the adoption of the budget resolution); 308(a) (requiring a CBO cost estimate in the committee report on legislation containing new entitlement, spending, or budget authority, or a change in revenues); 402(a) (credit authority not subject to appropriations in advance) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The committee amendment shall be considered as read.

The rule waives clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations on a legislative bill); section 302(f); 303(a); and 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against the committee amendment.

The rule requires that amendments be pre-printed in the Congressional Record. The rule further provides for consideration for amendment under the 5-minute rule for 10 hours, followed by debate as guaranteed under clause 6 of rule XXIII (permitting five minutes for and against each amendment). Consideration of the bill for amendment may not continue beyond 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 1995. The rule allows the chairman of the International Relations Committee the authority to offer certain pre-printed amendments en bloc or germane modifications of any such amendment. The amendments shall not be subject to amendment or to a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule deletes section 2210 from the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute through a self-executing provision. Section 2210 would establish a new scorekeeping under the Budget Act. As such, the provision violates section 306 of the Budget Act which prohibits the consideration of amendments under the Budget Committee's jurisdiction if offered to bills not reported by the Budget Committee. Since the Budget Committee has communicated opposition to waiving points of order against the International Relations Committee's amendment in the nature of a substitute for this provision, the provision in the rule would delete the offending section from the substitute.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 2(l)(2)(B) of House rule XI the results of each rollcall vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

RULES COMMITTEE ROLL CALL NO. 144

Date: May 22, 1995.

Measure: Rule for consideration of H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act of 1995.

Motion By: Mr. Beilenson.

Summary of Motion: Strike 10-hour time cap and May 25 deadline on amendments.

Results: Rejected 3-4.

Vote by Member: Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Waldholtz—Nay; Beilenson—Yea; Frost—Yea; Hall—Yea; Solomon—Nay.